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Mel tells church to lay off the gossip

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Victims' stories surface as Brazil confirms air crash

AIR FRANCE A man celebrating his birthday; a group of workers returning from a vacation award; a woman who had just recovered from a brain injury.

As with any airline disaster, there were stories of cruel coincidences and bright young lives cut short by the crash of Air France Flight 447, which was confirmed yesterday by Brazil's military.

"My son died on his birthday," said a tearful Diana Raquel, mother of British-based Brazilian dentist Jose Rommel Amorim, who turned 35 Sunday and was among the 228 people aboard the flight, all of whom are feared dead.

A company that distributes electrical parts in France lost 10 employees who had gone on a short vacation to Brazil as a reward for their strong performance at work. Nine of their spouses also were on board. REUTERS

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Today

- **Flames Central gets back to its Hollywood roots, pg 3**

The Ave is alive! **Jazz fest**

ROBIN KUNSKI / FOR METRO CALGARY

Luis Tovar plays congos with his band Cumako on Stephen Avenue to promote the 30th annual Calgary Jazz Festival. Jazz on the Ave will run every Tuesday at noon on Stephen Avenue leading up to the festival, which takes place June 22-28.

Bracing for Bill 44 backlash

Controversial law letting parents pull kids from class passed after long debate

Passage of a heavily debated human rights law that aims to keep sex, religion and sexual orientation from falling on young ears seems to have left Alberta's teachers with more questions than answers.

Deliberations on Bill 44 raged on into the early morning hours yesterday, ending in a unanimous Conservative vote supporting it.

Alberta School Board Association president Heather Welwood said teachers across the province are bracing for backlash against the bill.

"It won't be business as usual. It's going to take dollars to put those things in place," she said.

Culture Minister Lindsay Blackett said he will be in close contact with teachers' school boards to "quell any misconceptions that may have been created" during the debates.

Amendments to the bill exempt off-cuff controversial conversations between students and teachers, though Welwood predicts impromptu chats could become subject for human rights complaints.

Though in-class discussions of same-sex relationships and religion are now optional by law, Welwood wants parents to work with their child's school and front-line faculty, before filing a human rights complaint if they feel ill-informed.

"This affects the student's right to choose their education and destroys classroom discussions."
Jeff Rodier

"We want parents to know their first stop is still the school," she said.

Calgary Alberta College of Arts and Design student Jeff Rodier, 22, said he feels the bill is targeting the wrong subject matters.

"What about the sensitive subjects about violence? A lot of films shown in school about wars were more graphic than (Hollywood) movies," he pointed out.

"This affects the student's right to choose their education and destroys classroom discussions," he added.

The number of concerned Alberta students, parents and teachers on a "Students Against Bill 44" Facebook group nearly doubled to 2,600 after the Alberta legislature finalized Bill 44 early yesterday morning.

JEFF CUMMINGS, VICTORIA HANDYSIDES AND KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CANADA

Metro grows in Edmonton: Study

NEWSPAPERS A recent study of newspaper readership statistics shows Metro continues to grow as the paper of choice for Edmonton's young, diverse population.

According to a Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank) study, Metro Edmonton's readership of adults aged 18 and up increased from 40,300 in 2007-2008 to 49,900, an increase of 24 per cent.

Metro Edmonton recently received the 2008 readership results as a supplementary report from NADbank. Metro Edmonton launched in March of 2007, and since Edmonton is a two-year readership market, Metro Edmonton's results were not included in the NADbank 2008 results released in March 2009.

"I think the numbers really show the strength of Metro across Canada, but specifically in Edmonton," said Metro Alberta publisher Steve Shrout.

Metro's affluent, educated urban readership is surging, as reflected in the study's findings. Over a five-day period, Metro now reaches 14 per cent of all Edmontonians, or 121,200 readers.

"To grow 24 per cent in a period where most papers are in decline is nothing short of phenomenal," Shrout said. "Innovative media is filling a need within the community. I want to thank Edmontonians for making Metro Edmonton the largest free daily in the city." METRO CANADA

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Energy plan brings news costs
The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) released its long-term energy plan for the province yesterday and it could cost homeowners an average of an extra $8 a month for electricity, according to the website. METRO CALGARY

Local

"Calgarians generally speaking aren't ones that walk away from competition too easily."

Mayor David Bronconnier on the city's decision to submit a bid for EXPO 2017, in competition with other world cities, including the City of Edmonton.

METRO CALGARY

Downtown urban garden takes root

COMMUNITY The movement towards community gardens has grown to downtown Calgary, as the first urban community garden has been planted on Barclay Parade.

Located between office towers, all fresh produce will be donated to the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank.

"We have unused space in city limits," said Paul Hughes, chair of the Calgary Food Policy Council. "It's time for a savvy city like Calgary to start using that space wisely."

AMY GREGSON/ FOR METRO CALGARY

News in brief

DRIVERS Alberta drivers may be facing a 40 per cent hike to their insurance premiums depending on a decision facing the Alberta Court of Appeal. According to the Insurance Bureau of Canada the case hinges on the removal of a $4,000 cap on payments to people who suffer minor injuries in crashes.

ANIMALS A 27-year-old Chestermere man accused of abusing his two dogs plans on pleading not guilty to charges of causing unnecessary suffering to animals. Tom Bilski will enter a plea in court on June 16th. He is not allowed any contact with the two animals.

METRO CALGARY

Bar embraces Palace roots

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Flames Central is paying homage to its historical roots this month by converting the popular bar into a movie theatre every Wednesday night.

Anyone who has ever gone to the movies and found themselves complaining about lack of leg room, expensive tickets and stale food will enjoy movie night at the old Palace theatre-turned-bar, general manager Jaimie Dachy said.

"With hockey on its way out, we wanted to get back to our roots and since this place was built as a theatre, we thought it would be perfect," she said.

For only $2 admission, Calgarians can enjoy free popcorn, access to the full food and drink menu and of course, the movie on every screen in the building with massive sound, she added.

"I would go to the theatre more myself if I could have good food, a cold beer and watch a movie," Dachy said. "It also gives people something to do mid-week that is inexpensive."

Gladiator, the first movie will be shown tonight at 6:45 p.m. and every Wednesday this month at the same time will be a different movie. Dachy said July is busy with concerts but in August and September they would like to show more movies.

The former Palace theatre was built in 1921 and is located in the heart of Stephen Avenue. The building was declared a provincial historic site in 1996.

ROBIN KUNIKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Jaimie Dachy and Geoff Gobert get ready for movie night at Flames Central this week. The popular sports bar will hearken back to its days as the Palace Theatre as it opens for Wednesday movie nights this summer.

Enviro Expo kicks off anniversary

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

EVENT Instead of the usual men and women in business attire walking the lobby at city hall there were thousands of school children packing the atrium.

The city kicked off its 20th Annual Mayor's Environment Expo yesterday, which features over 60 interactive exhibits promoting greener living.

"Some 6,000 students will be coming through city hall over the next three days," said Mayor Dave Bronconnier. "All in celebration of bringing together education, environmental practices, learning from one another, enhancing our knowledge base and doing what we all know is important protecting our environment."

Having to deal with diversity in the environment is also another key concern especially today more than ever, said Bronconnier.

Former mayor Al Duerr started this event 20 years ago and he hoped at that time it would be a sustained event.

"At that point in time the environment was not at the forefront," said Duerr. "But we still felt it was important to bring together one event that would unite the community and get all the players together to share."

JOEL MESSNER FOR METRO CALGARY

Former Calgary mayor Al Duerr and current Mayor Dave Bronconnier help students cut Environment Expo cake.

School budget to see small increase

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EDUCATION Calling it a conservative budget to keep current programs afloat, the Calgary Board of Education released its preliminary numbers for the upcoming school year yesterday.

Donald Dart, CBE superintendent of corporate services said there won't be a lot of changes from the previous school year budget, which revenue and funding sources increased to $992 million from $947 million the year before.

"We're happy we've demonstrated a capacity to deliver the same if not improved, just by doing things differently," he added.

Wayne Braun, CBE director of corporate, said school fees will not increase, except for Calgary Transit's $2 fee hike for high school students and a $20 hike for non-bus eligible noon supervision fee students, which is an elective fee.

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What's online today.

Video Massive upgrades to Alberta's power grid will hit you in the wallet at **metronews.ca/local**

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Regulator may come soon: Expert
The global financial crisis has made it more likely that Canada will soon create a national securities regulator, an idea that has been mulled for decades, the former head of a government-backed panel on the issue said yesterday. REUTERS

Canada

Victims will have right to sue: MP

Canadian victims of terrorism will have the right to sue — through this country's courts — those responsible for the attacks under new legislation introduced by Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan in Ottawa yesterday. "We believe it's critical and important that we keep our citizens safe, that we fight the threat of terrorism here and abroad," Van Loan told reporters on Parliament Hill. REUTERS

Father of 10 to be deported

Former Honduran drug mule's pleas for refugee status denied

Any hopes Fernando Navarro had of being allowed to stay in Canada on humanitarian grounds were dashed yesterday when immigration services ordered him deported on June 19 — the day before World Refugee Day.

The Honduran-born Surrey, B.C., roofer and father of 10, whose wife is pregnant, was denied refugee status because he once worked as a drug mule for a Honduran drug lord.

Fernando said it's unfair to his large family that poor choices he made as a youth could leave them without an income. "I was so young, I didn't speak English, I was afraid to speak to people here," Fernando said, adding that unfortunately the people who did speak his language were involved with drugs.

"They said (Fernando) needs to pack his stuff ... I'm starting to feel angry and mad."
Rochelle Navarro

Fernando reapplied to stay on humanitarian grounds, but his change of address paperwork was allegedly lost and the Ministry of Immigration closed his file.

His wife, Rochelle, said their children are "devastated" at the thought of losing Fernando, especially their four little girls who cling to him whenever he heads out the door.

The Navarros said they tried to turn to their MP, Conservative Nina Grewal, for help, but she hasn't returned their calls.

When they went to the immigration offices yesterday for the deportation date, Rochelle said they were belittled by the staff.

Navarro

"They said (Fernando) needs to pack his stuff," Rochelle said. She added they asked how the family was going to be able to afford his plane fare.

"I'm starting to feel angry and mad," Rochelle said. "If we can get this (case heard) I feel we can stop the deportation."

METRO CANADA

Former KGB agent turns to church

IMMIGRATION A man who once worked for the KGB in Communist Russia has turned to a religious institution to avoid being deported from Canada.

Mikhail Lennikov moved into the First Lutheran Church in Vancouver yesterday where he was offered sanctuary.

Rev. Richard Hergesheimer welcomed Lennikov a day after the Federal Court of Canada rejected the man's plea for a stay of deportation.

Lennikov, who lived in Burnaby, B.C. with wife Irina and son Dmitri for 12 years, is prohibited from staying in Canada because he worked for Russian secret police in the 1980s. He claims he was employed in an administrative role.

"We were always hoping it wouldn't come to this. We know what we are doing with sanctuary is illegal … but it's not wrong," said Hergesheimer.

"We know what we are doing with sanctuary is illegal ... but it's not wrong."
Rev. Richard Hergesheimer

Sanctuary is a long-honoured tradition worldwide; one that Hergesheimer said Canada respects.

"What we're doing is icing the puck, just stopping the clock so we can all get a chance to take a step back and see what options are available," said Hergesheimer.

The move into the church was in the works for three months as a last resort to avoid deportation.

METRO CANADA

Teens lack sex education: Study

SEX ED Teens are being sexually active, but are not getting the information or services they need to be properly educated about sex, according to a report on sexual health released yesterday. One of the largest studies of its kind interviewed 1,216 Toronto teens aged 13 to 18.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Too much TV and not enough talking can hurt language development: Study

Too much television may hamper a baby's ability to learn language and speak, according to a new study. Researchers recorded sounds spoken by 329 children. The more hours of TV recorded in a session, the fewer times a child spoke, the fewer words he or she heard from adults, and the fewer conversational turns the child took. REUTERS

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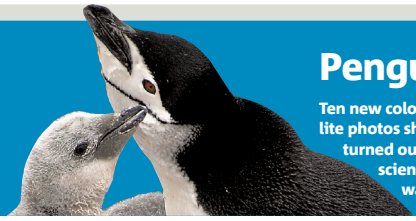


Penguin poop leads to discovery

Ten new colonies of emperor penguins have been found in Antarctica after satellite photos showing brownish stains on the ice, which initially baffled scientists, turned out to be the excrement of thousands of birds. The findings will help scientists understand penguin populations and the vulnerability to global warming of the breeding colonies that are on sea ice. REUTERS

Plane's debris found in ocean

Brazilian military planes have found the wreckage of an Air France jet that crashed in the Atlantic Ocean with 228 people on board earlier this week, the defence minister said yesterday.

Nelson Jobim said there was "no doubt" the five-kilometre strip of wreckage was from the Airbus A330 that went missing early Monday after flying into stormy weather.

"It confirms that the plane fell in this area," Jobim said in Rio de Janeiro, from where the plane left Sunday night for Paris.

The debris spotted by Brazilian air force pilots earlier yesterday included plane seats, an orange buoy, metallic objects and fuel stains in the water.

Jobim said no bodies had yet been sighted and that finding the "black box" flight data and voice recorders would be "extremely difficult." REUTERS

News in brief

VISIT U.S. President Barack Obama will try to repair U.S. ties to the Islamic world this week in a speech from the Middle East that aides say will deal with tough issues like extremism. The talk aims to fix damage to America's image caused by the Iraq war, and lack of progress in Mideast peace talks. REUTERS

Kabul **Mr. Afghanistan**

OMAR SOBHANI / REUTERS

Afghan men strike a pose during the Mr. Afghanistan national bodybuilding competition at a cinema hall in Kabul yesterday. Hundreds entered the annual competition, organized by Afghanistan's national Olympic organization.

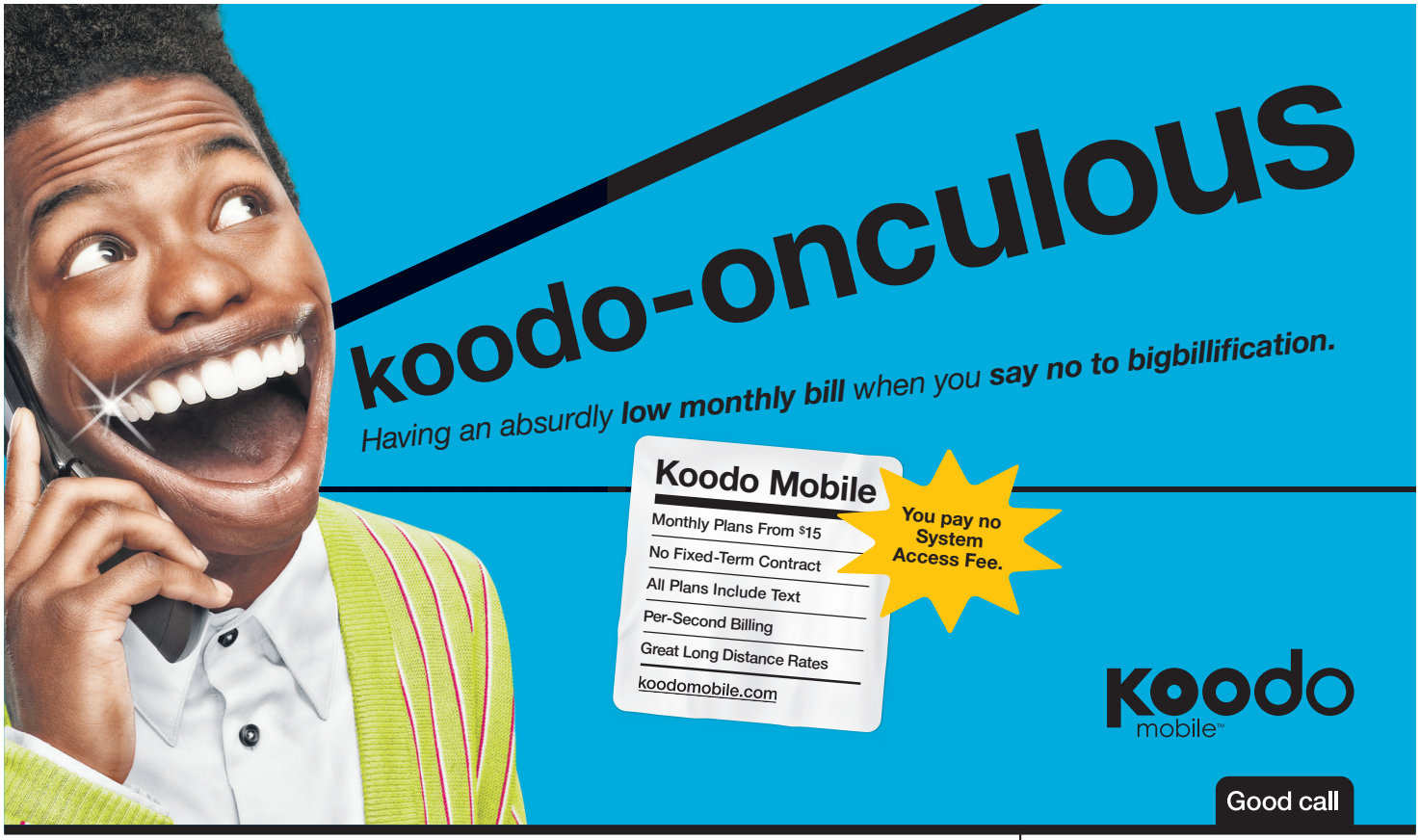
Violence rising amid recession, study shows

WORLDWIDE The economic downturn has made the world more violent and unstable in the last year, according to a study that ranked New Zealand as the most peaceful country and Iraq the least.

High food and fuel prices in early 2008 and the deepening recession later in the year eroded peace, according to the Global Peace Index, compiled by a unit of The Economist magazine group.

Economic weakening has increased political instability, demonstrations and crime in some countries, according to the study.

Out of 144 countries ranked, Canada placed eighth. REUTERS



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Trying to seek common ground

TheWestView

As I'm about to launch into the abortion "debate" ("melee" is more like it) at this late date in my life and career, I can only conclude I've learned nothing about keeping my mouth shut when it's prudent to do so.

Still, I'm inspired by Barack Obama … once again. The U.S. president, who has become something of a poster boy for common sense, showed his chops again recently, accepting an invitation to address the graduating class at Notre Dame — a Catholic university and a hotbed of anti-abortion sentiment.

What he said made a lot of sense, whatever side you're on. "Maybe we won't agree on abortion," he said. "But we can still agree that this heart-wrenching decision for any woman is not made casually. It has both a moral and a spiritual dimension."

He went on: "When we open our hearts and our minds to those who may not think or believe what we do — that's when we discover at least the possibility of common ground."

Wise words. Compassionate words. Civilized words. But many of his audience had crosses or little infants' feet painted on their mortarboards. Three dozen protesters were carted away for trying to disrupt the U.S. president's speech. They weren't interested in common ground.

And then, this past Sunday, two weeks after Obama's address, some guy in Kansas shot and killed a doctor who performed abortions while the doctor was serving as an usher at his church.

Meanwhile, up here, the archbishop of Montreal, Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, resigned from the Order of Canada because Henry Morgentaler, our most famous/notorious doctor who performed abortions, was also honoured. Clearly, resigning in a huff is not as extreme as murder, but neither is an invitation to seek common ground.

What's interesting about so many of these guys is that they are guys. Perhaps feeling left out because they can't get pregnant, they indulge in righteous rage. Convinced that every sperm is sacred, that even the most rudimentary stages in the development of the human fetus must be protected, they're not about to pause and allow reason to inform the discussion even if it leads to the final absurdity: Take life to save life.

Frankly, I don't like abortion. But I don't like the alternative, which is unwanted pregnancy, or backstreet butchery. And it seems obvious: Stem cell research is moral light years away from late-term abortion. The issue is complex and vexing, and I applaud Obama's attempt to find common ground. But in abortion, we have an issue that exposes civilization as a thin crust spread lightly over a seething mass of molten mayhem.

Wise words, I fear, are not enough.

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Word on the street: Should Canada have more legislated vacation days?

Richard Kevis
age 19, Calgary

A: Probably not. Days off aren't really practical. They're not really used for anything. They're not really necessary to the system.

Tracy Warner
age 29, Calgary

A: I'm all for that. I wouldn't say that it's necessary, but anyone can always use an extra day off work.

Antonio Olivito
age 26, Toronto

A: Yes. It's important to get away from the craziness of life every once in awhile … to have more quality time with friends and family.

Isabella Allen
age 22, Edmonton

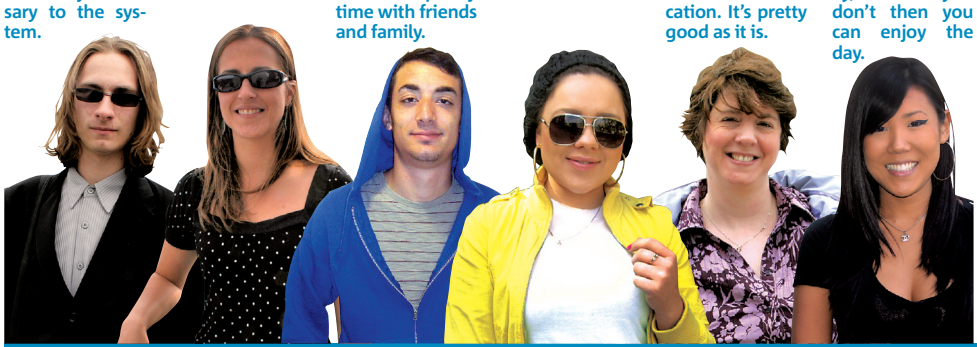
A: Definitely. Canadians work hard and deserve more paid vacation days.

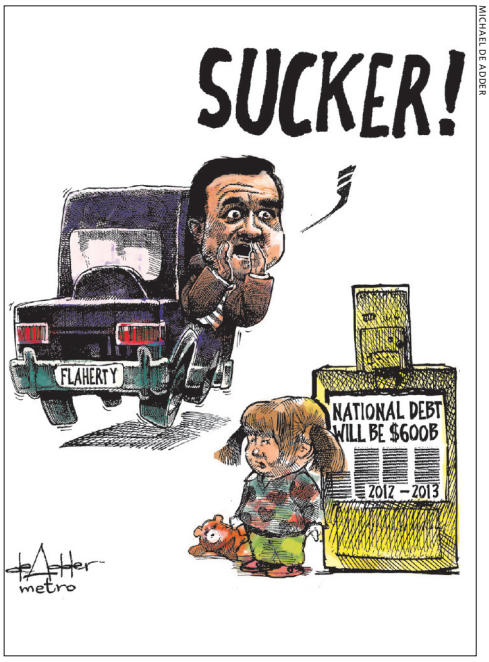
Gwen Rowe
age 40, Conquerall Mills, N.S.

A: No, I think we're fine. A lot of work places have two or three weeks vacation. It's pretty good as it is.

Ayane Ogawa
age 22, Vancouver

A: Yes … Holidays are great because if you end up working you make more money, and if you don't then you can enjoy the day.





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San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom has announced that citizens can now alert officials to issues by using Twitter for the city's 3-1-1 customer service centre. REUTERS

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Business

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Chrysler sales crash

Overall auto purchases down 16.5% in May

The taint of bankruptcy court protection and idle plants slashed Chrysler Canada's business by half last month.

Sales for the reeling auto giant, which is offering huge incentives under a "Buy With Confidence" program, crashed by more than 13,600 to 13,657 vehicles in May from the same month last year.

Meanwhile, the sputtering industry limited its losses to 16 per cent after monthly declines of more than 25 per cent earlier in the year.

Chrysler, whose volumes also plunged a stunning 47 per cent in the U.S. last month, said its retail sales actually improved here despite the move to court protection south of the border.

Chrysler topped the market only a few months ago but slid to fifth place in May.

Overall sales of new cars and trucks in Canada fell 16.5 per cent, or almost 30,500, to 154,018 vehicles during the month. It marked the seventh consecutive month that auto sales have declined here.

Sales in the first five months of the year have also dropped 19.5 per cent, or 140,960, to 582,518 vehicles.

Teetering GM said its sales in Canada fell 12.4 per cent to 31,784 vehicles in May.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada reported that sales dropped 7.3 per cent to 21,900 in May, but the automaker increased its market share for the seventh consecutive month.

Most other major automakers posted negative results, including Toyota and Honda.

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Hummer sold

- General Motors Corp. said yesterday it reached a tentative deal to sell its Hummer brand to Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Co., a privately held Chinese company.

Delays on projects alter CAPP output forecast

OILSANDS A spate of project deferrals in oilsands as energy and credit markets sputtered will mean another change to the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers' oil production forecast, the group's president said yesterday.

CAPP is expected to release its updated outlook for Canadian output in the coming days, and its president, David Collyer, said that shifts in project timing as a result of the downturn are the main variable.

"Broadly, you're not going to see a substantive change in overall production outlook. There's a bit of movement around timing of projects, which I think you'd expect in light of announcements that we've had from a number of operators," Collyer said.

He did not give any numbers for the much-watched forecast.

CAPP has said Canada can eventually achieve its target for long-term oilsands output growth, but it has been cutting its view of the production it expects by 2015.

Last December it reduced the outlook to 2.4 million barrels a day from 2.8 million as oil prices fell. REUTERS

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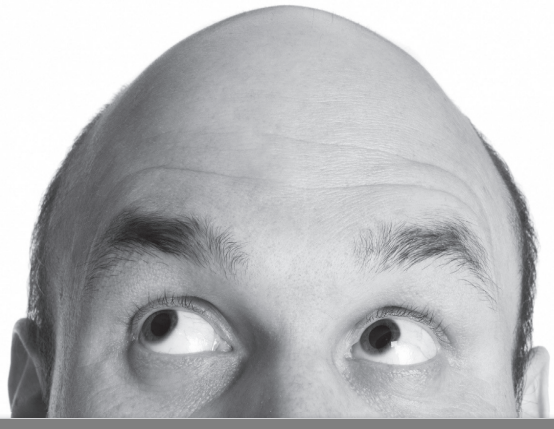

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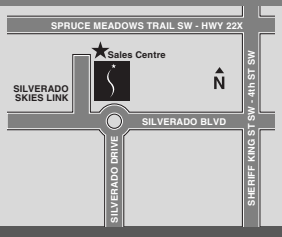

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Slice aims to be The Ultimate Fighter

8 Spike TV announced yesterday that Internet phenomenon Kimbo Slice will take part in Season 10 of The Ultimate Fighter, competing to win a contract with the UFC. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

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JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES

Pittsburgh's Ruslan Fedotenko celebrates Maxime Talbot's first-period goal last night in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final. Pittsburgh won the game 4-2.

Pens take Game 3

Stanley Cup
2009 **Final**

(Detroit leads series 2-1)

Detroit 2 Pittsburgh 4

Sergei Gonchar's power-play goal midway through the third period broke a 2-2 tie and Maxime Talbot's empty-net tally in the final minute of regulation cemented Pittsburgh's 4-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Finals at Mellon Arena.

Talbot also scored in the opening period along with Kris Letang for Pittsburgh, which now trails the best-of-seven series 2-1.

Marc-Andre Fleury was strong with 27 saves in the victory, including 14 stops in the second period. The Penguins were on cruise control in the middle stanza, but came alive in the final 20 minutes to get back in the series.

Henrik Zetterberg and Johan Franzen scored for the Red Wings, who are attempting to successfully defend their Stanley Cup title from a year ago. Detroit goaltender Chris Osgood allowed three goals on 20 shots.

The two teams will meet again in Pittsburgh on Thursday for Game 4.

Detroit forward Pavel Datsyuk was absent from the lineup for the sixth straight game with a swollen foot after he blocked a shot in Game 2 of the West finals against the Blackhawks.

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Doc fans 14 en route to ninth win of season

MLB RESULTS

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BASEBALL Roy Halladay struck out a career-high 14 batters in picking up his major league-leading ninth win this season, guiding the Blue Jays to a 6-4 victory over the Angels in the opener of a three-game series.

Halladay (9-1) threw 133 pitches in his second complete game this season. He had only one real hiccup, allowing four runs in the seventh inning. Overall, Halladay surrendered seven hits and walked just one.

Kevin Millar had two hits and two runs driven in for Toronto, which has won three of four since a nine-game slide. Scott Rolen and Rod Barajas also had two hits apiece for the Blue Jays, while Alex Rios hit a solo homer in the win.

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SkyDome's 20th

- Twenty years ago today, the SkyDome, now known as the Rogers Centre, officially opened. The opening ceremony included such celebrities as Alan Thicke and Glass Tiger.

Sports in brief

OLYMPICS The Canadian border agency says it will charge an American passenger rail service more than half a million dollars in fees to add another train between Seattle and Vancouver — a decision that has derailed plans to add a second daily run to serve the 2010 Winter Olympics and beyond.

PANTHERS Sports Properties Acquisition Corp. has reportedly agreed to buy the Florida Panthers, the team's home arena, an arena management company and some land surrounding the arena for $240 million US.

BASEBALL The Washington Nationals fired pitching coach Randy St. Claire yesterday and promoted Steve McCatty from Triple-A Syracuse to fill the position.

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Ichiro hits in 26th straight game

Ichiro Suzuki set the Seattle Mariners' record by hitting safely in his 26th consecutive game last night when the eight-time all-star chopped the third pitch of the game from Baltimore Orioles rookie David Hernandez to the right of shortstop Cesar Izturis. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Balsillie files relocation papers with NHL

The NHL is in no hurry to deal with Jim Balsillie's application to move the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton.

The BlackBerry billionaire's camp yesterday revealed all the documents filed with the league regarding Balsillie's request to relocate the team, pointing out why Phoenix is such a horrible hockey market and why Hamilton is so great.

Balsillie needs 75 per cent of the board of governors to vote him in as an owner, and a simple majority to approve relocation. But that consent isn't coming any time soon, if ever.

League bylaws "contemplate a significant amount of work and due diligence by the league and by various committees of the owners before either matter would be ripe for a board vote," said NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly. "None of that is capable of completion prior to June 9."

That is the key date, when U.S. bankruptcy court judge Redfield Baum will hear all arguments on whether he has the power to ignore league bylaws and allow the sale of the team.

If the league, as expected, turns down this relocation application, the Balsillie camp is likely to include it as part of its antitrust suit, parts of which have been filed as part of the bankruptcy proceedings and make repeated reference to a conspiracy to keep Balsillie out of the NHL.

The relocation application was written by former CFL commissioner Tom Wright and filed in the bankruptcy court by the lawyers for Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Government approval

- Jim Balsillie received U.S. antitrust approval to buy the National Hockey League's Phoenix Coyotes, U.S. officials said yesterday. Antitrust authorities completed their review of the RIM co-CEO's deal for the Coyotes without taking any action to block it, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission said in a notice.

REUTERS

Roughnecks head coach resigns

LACROSSE The Calgary Roughnecks announced today that Head Coach Troy Cordingley has resigned from his role with the team.

According to Cordingley, the decision to leave the team was difficult, but ultimately it comes down to spending more time with his family.

"It was a very hard decision for me, but I have to focus on my family and do what is right for them," said Cordingley.

"I have to focus on my family." Troy Cordingley

"I have four young children under nine at home. My family has bent over backwards for me the past few years, and now it's time for me to give back and direct my focus on them."

Cordingley, who led the Calgary Roughnecks to the 2009 NLL Champion's Cup in just his second season with the Riggers, coached the team to a franchise 12-4 regular season record and top seed throughout the playoffs.

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Federer facing local fave at Open

TENNIS A partisan crowd and a pumped-up opponent stand in the way of world number two Roger Federer and a fifth successive French Open semi-final today.

Local favourite Gael Monfils, gunning to become the first Frenchman to reach the final at Roland Garros since Henri Leconte in 1988, has been in impressive form despite a sore knee as he showed in a three-set dismantling of Andy Roddick in the fourth round.

Federer, the hot favourite since four-time champion Rafael Nadal was ushered out on Sunday, survived a five-set thriller against German Tommy Haas to set up a quarter-final showdown with Monfils. REUTERS

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New Cadillacs announced
Cadillac has announced that it will launch two new models for 2010, the all-new SRX Crossover and the CTS Sport Wagon. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Drive

Face the music

Electronics giant Toshiba is developing in-car facial recognition technology that will allow people to change a car's audio system with a blink of an eye or a turn of the head, wired.com reports.
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Tweet, blog, ride

MICHAEL GOETZ
for Metro Canada

Automakers have been using traditional marketing medias — like print, billboards, and television — for decades. But there's a new automotive marketing force in town — social media.

Of course "social media" is the more scholarly term for networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, YouTube, Flickr, etc.

And, two major auto-related "social media" initiatives of late have been widely successful, and news travels at warp speed in these social media circles.

One of those initiatives is the Fiesta Movement. As part of Ford's social media blitz, 100 young, American trendsetters will drive and live with a European-spec Fiesta for six months, travelling as agents on special missions, who then relate their experiences through various sites.

"We were already using social media as part of our regular communication channels, and that made it all the easier for us to try something as bold as the Fiesta Movement," notes Scott Monty, who heads up social media at Ford (his official title is global and multimedia communications manager). "YouTube videos, Creative Commons-licensed Flickr photos, social media news releases, Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, documents shared on Scribd, the development of TheFordStory.com, bloggers being included in media events — it all meant that we were committed to this new form of connecting with customers."

The first major auto-related social media attraction for Canadians is hypercube.ca — essentially an online stage for 500 creative thinkers to demonstrate their social creativity in "Cube worthiness." The best 50 will win a new Nissan Cube (winners will be announced on June 23). Winners will then blog regularly for a year, on how their Cubes "interact with their creative lives."

"The uniqueness of the Cube gave us an opportunity to do something different, to veer off from our traditional launch formula," said Catherine Green, the advertising manager at Nissan Canada. "Our ultimate goal is to create a community of Cube advocates, to provide the content for the Cube community and ultimately become our advertising."

It seems to be working.

When the monthlong audition period ended on May 16, the hypercube.ca pages had garnered over 1.4 million hits, surprising Nissan with not only the high level of engagement and creativity, but also the "tweet ups" and other "community" activities that sprang up, without any prodding or assistance from the automaker.

Websites

- **Hypercube.ca:** The voting's over but you can check out contestants' websites, auditions and what they are saying about Nissan Cube.
- **Fiestamovement.ca:** Plenty of tweets, blogs, photos and videos about the Ford Fiesta.

Nissan embraced new social media to launch the new Cube with hypercube.ca — essentially an online stage for 500 creative thinkers to demonstrate their social creativity in "Cube worthiness."

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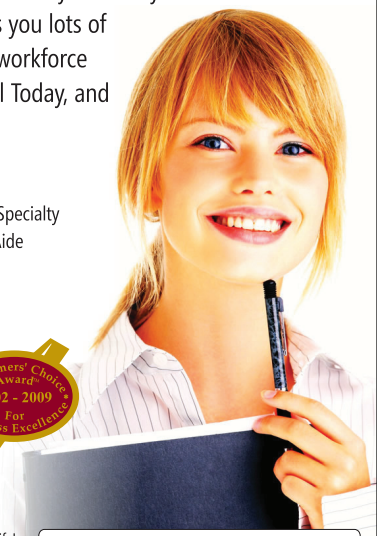

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Riding the Wave

The affordable Pontiac G3 Wave is ideal for students, families and retirees alike.

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

The economy is melting faster than the ice caps, oil wells are drying up, and horsepower is losing relevance to environmental responsibility. As a result, funky little cars like the Pontiac G3 Wave are enjoying lots of attention these days — and proving ideal for students, families and retirees alike.

No need to fear the "little car" jokes from your friends with this one. A nicely accented and energetic shape enables the Wave hatchback to pull off some great small car visuals — appearing confident, cohesive and visually dense. It's more like a little toy, and less like a rolling appliance.

As with the body, interior designers didn't simply give up on the looks when they were handed a small car. Compared to something like a Kia Rio or Hyundai Accent, the bright and modern cabin atmosphere offered by the Wave is refreshing. So was the motorized sunroof, incidentally.

Some controls around the steering wheel feel like they came from the nineties, but various metallic accents, textures and an overall sense of energy help dress things up.

Thankfully, the Wave's interior is bigger than the body leads on. There's relatively generous arm, leg and shoulder room up front. Head and rear-seat legroom tighten up for taller occupants, though drivers of average size should find the cabin surprisingly spacious. Visibility is fantastic too, albeit for the small side mirrors.

Complaints? The cupholder is a clumsy space waster, and the interior lacks covered storage to keep your iPod and wallet out of sight. Additionally, the excessive use of red backlighting may permanently burn the instrument cluster into your retinas at night.

Wave gets moving courtesy of a new-for-2009 1.6 litre four cylinder with variable valve timing. The engine lets you know when it's working, but sound levels were kept well within limits. Power? 106 ponies. Let's just say you won't be getting into any trouble with it. With the four-speed automatic gearbox on board, my mileage averaged a respectable 7.5 L / 100km.

Handling and performance are largely appropriate for the intentions and size of the car, and the steering is quick and eager. Wave is amusingly easy to manoeuvre and park, too.

2009 Pontiac G3 Wave SE

Type: Compact hatchback
Price: $13,770 (base)/ $20,500 (as tested)
Engine: 1.6 litre four cylinder
HP: 106

Highlights

- Great visibility
- Affordable
- Decent fuel mileage

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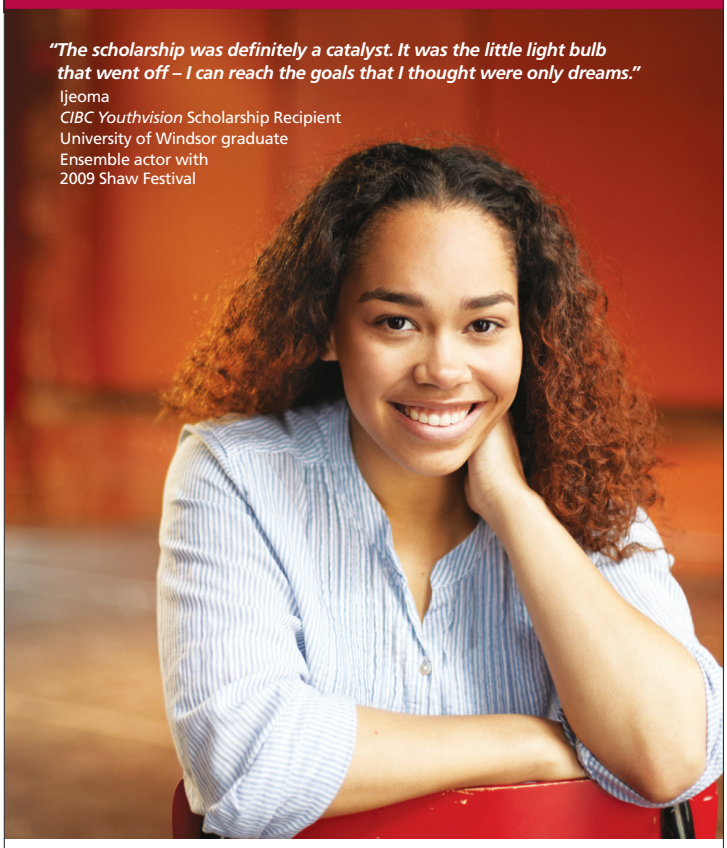

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Volt underway
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Edgier Murano

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

The redesigned Nissan Murano

When the Nissan Murano first appeared, it was the most futuristic design available, especially compared to its competitors' boxy SUVs. The Murano offered decent levels of equipment, a healthy V6, optional all-wheel drive and a reasonable ride.

Fast forward to 2009, and the Murano's up for its first makeover. Not much has changed in its brief — meaning a car-based, five-seat crossover — but the competition is much fiercer than in '03. Nearly every major manufacturer has at least one such vehicle in its lineup — and sometimes more. The question is whether Nissan's evolution is enough to keep it relevant.

Size-wise, the new Murano is within a hair of its predecessor, although the new design is edgier. Its snout is pointier, and the sculptured front fenders mean it's difficult to know where its corners are. The rear follows the general themes from the Nissan Rogue, and doesn't match the front's drama.

The rising beltline, thick A-pillars and small rear window mean big blind spots, although the large side mirrors help.

All Muranos feature Nissan's 3.5-litre V6 with 265 hp and 248 lb-ft of torque, matched with a continually variable transmission (CVT). All-wheel drive is standard on every model for '09.

Safety features include six airbags, ABS with emergency brake force distribution and brake assist, stability and traction control, and active head restraints for the front row.

Although the Murano S starts at $37,648, my tester was the loaded $47,498 LE — meaning heated mirrors, power-adjustable heated leather seats, power tilt/telescoping steering, keyless entry and ignition, a dual-panel moonroof, rearview camera with seven-in display, 11-speaker Bose audio system, Bluetooth and more. The navigation system and 9.3GB "music server" is a pricey $2,950.

All that is thrown into one of Nissan's better cabin designs. The gauges are bright and legible, major controls easy to find, and better-than-average materials, with roomy second row and cargo space.

On the road, the Murano's habits are merely OK. It's not sporty, with too much lean and vague steering, but the suspension thumps over the smallest imperfections. There's a lot Nissan could do to improve this for future releases. Performance-wise, acceleration is strong and the CVT works well enough that you never notice it.

Despite the Murano's many features and styling, the problem is its pricing. My LE tester's sticker totalled $50,583 before freight, PDI and taxes.

A similar Ford Edge Limited AWD runs a touch over $46,000. Infiniti's EX35 totals about $48,600 with all the bells and whistles.

That means, other than styling and brand loyalty, there isn't anything the Murano does outstanding enough to make it worthy of recommendation.

2009 Nissan Murano

Type: Crossover utility vehicle
Price: 37,648 (base)
Engine: 3.5-litre V6
HP: 248

Highlights

- Dramatic front styling
- Impressive interior

Mitsubishi unveils Outlander GT

SHOWCASE Mitsubishi Motors pulled the wraps off its Outlander GT prototype recently at the New York auto show, providing clear directional clues into the next generation of the popular Mitsubishi Outlander CUV.

The Outlander GT prototype is loaded with new technology, greater performance, higher fuel efficiency and an aggressive new design.

The prototype also features a revised exterior treatment, increased engine output, an advanced S-AWC system, 19-inch OZ racing wheels, polished aluminum roof, Brembo brakes and the all-new FUSE Handsfree Media Gateway system.

A revised interior and freshly added electronic options also help to raise the luxury and comfort levels.

The prototype features a sporty new exterior treatment inspired by Mitsubishi's own Lancer family.

Designers sought to create a dynamic and athletic presence by utilizing new materials and a wider stance.

A "jet fighter" grille, with design elements from the Lancer Evolution, has been added to accent the reshaped front bumper, side mirrors, fenders and hood.

Merging Mitsubishi's experience in off-road and rally racing with production car development, the Outlander GT prototype features the revolutionary Super All Wheel Control (S-AWC) system, which provides increased handling, traction and stability, while still maintaining maximum fuel economy.

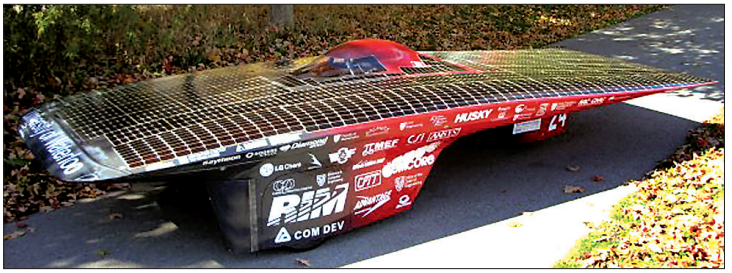
Mitsubishi Motors follows the "jet fighter" grille styling of its Evolution model in its new Outlander GT prototype.

FROM CARGUIDE

Quebec bans certain right-hand drives
Quebec has become the first province to prohibit the licensing and operation of certain right-hand drive vehicles on public roads, canadiandriver.com reports. The prohibition covers imported vehicles that are over 15 years old. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Solar car kings

Canadian teams shining on world stage


University of Waterloo's Guinness record-setting solar car Midnight Sun.

MARK ATKINSON
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When it comes to alternative fuel technologies, solar power usually comes up short of hydrogen fuel cells or battery-powered exotics. Despite our unpredictable weather, Canada's place in the solar-car kingdom is excellent, with a couple of universities putting in outstanding performances not only in North America, but against the world's best.

The University of Waterloo, located in Canada's technology capital in Waterloo, Ont., has over 20 years of experience in designing, building and competing with solar-powered racecars. Starting with the inaugural General Motors Sunrayce Challenge in 1990, the Midnight Sun team is the only Canadian solar-car team to consistently have qualified and raced in every North American event. And, the team set a Guinness World Record in 2004 by travelling 15,070 km back and forth across the United States for 41 straight days, the longest single journey made by a solar-powered vehicle, and more than double the previous record.

Midnight Sun's co-business manager Cody Bryant said he was quickly attracted to the program.

"I had always had a keen interest in cars and the opportunity to work with such a unique project appealed greatly to me," he said.

The team consists of 30 core members, with more than 200 student volunteers participating in the program's two-year cycle. Waterloo is usually the top Canadian team during the North American Solar Challenge (NASC) and the World Solar Challenge (WSC), held every other year in Australia.

If Waterloo represents the Yankees of the Canadian solar-car competitions, the University of Calgary must be like the Florida Marlins: relatively new on the scene, but already fighting with and beating the heavyweights.

While only having built two cars to Waterloo's nine, Calgary's team has made their efforts count, being the first rookies to complete an NASC in 2005, and finishing the 2005 WSC first in class with their Soleon racecar. After building Schulich 1 in 2007, U of C was the top-ranking Canadian team in the '07 WSC, upsetting Waterloo in the process.

"We currently have approximately 35 students working on the engineering team, and about 10 students working on the business team, all from a variety of faculties," says Jeff Wickenheiser, project co-chair and engineering manager for the University of Calgary team.

Volvo showcases EV concept
Volvo presented a new concept car this week that combines a plug-in charged lithium battery with a diesel motor, technology which it aims to have on the market in 2012. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ready for the racetrack

Porsche 911 GT3 packs too much punch for the daily driver

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

From day one, Porsche's philosophy has been to build sports cars that are as equally happy on the road as on the racetrack. Drive your Porsche to the local circuit, thrash it like a rented mule and Dr. Ferdinand Porsche smiles at you from the beyond.

Then there are some that are more track ready than others.

The $138,100 2010 Porsche 911 GT3, which tilts heavily toward the racing side of the equation, will be arriving in Canada sometime in July, It is a significantly upgraded version of the 2008 997-based GT3.

The GT3's dry-sump naturally aspirated 3.8L flat-six, (which is not related to the direct-injection 3.8L in the "regular" Carrera S), traces its lineage back to the 1996 Porsche 911 GT1 racer.

It makes 435 hp at 7600 rpm and 317 lb-ft at 6250 rpm. This is up 20 horses and 17 lb-ft over last year's 3.6L version of the same powerplant. It rips to a 8500 rpm redline and powers the rear wheels via a six-speed manual transmission with interchangable gear ratios.

No seven-speed PDK twin-clutch transmission? This would have added another 30 kg right where this rear-engined slingshot doesn't need it — out back.

Visually, you won't mistake a GT3 for a garden variety Carrera. The body is slammed a healthy 30mm over new centre-lock 19" ultralight alloys that wear 235/35ZR front and 305/30ZR steamrollers in the rear. A decidedly unsubtle wing perches above ram air intakes on the rear deck.

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But numbers don't tell the full story. Twist the key and the 3.8L race engine barks to life and settles into a busy, guttural idle. Grab the Alcantara wheel, depress the firm clutch, slot the short shifter into first and within the first few hundred meters this car telegraphs exactly what it's all about.

I have never driven a 911 that bites and digs in like this one — and instills such confidence. In the post-card perfect part of Germany where I tested the GTS, it proved to be a devastatingly fast and precise tool. Steering and chassis feedback come at you in beautiful hi-definition.

The engine shows impressive mid-range torque, and above 4500 r.p.m. it bellows a particularly hair-raising rendition of the famed Swabian Symphony No. 911 in G-willikers.

Porsche's two-stage PASM active damper system, which takes the sting out of regular 911 ride, is retuned for the GT3 — it goes from firm to ox-cart.

A first for the GT3 is PSM electronic stability control that has been engineered to help, not hinder fast driving. Porsche claims even professional drivers can attain faster laps with PSM that without. The two elements of PSM, stability control and traction control, can be switched off individually if so desired.

With the new rear wing and revised aero tuning, the 2010 GT3 creates double the downforce of the previous model at track speeds.

Indeed, on our autobahn blast I could feel the car become more stable the farther north we got of 200 km/h.

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Alberta student gets Toyota's green award
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Shapes of cars to come

Despite Obama's pledge, going green will be tough

EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News

By 2016, electric vehicles might be as affordable as petrol cars.

U.S. President Barack Obama has declared that cars made in the United States would have to meet a target of an average 35.5 mpg by 2016, with reductions starting in 2012. The move will reduce America's carbon dioxide emissions by 30 per cent as well as reduce dependence on foreign oil.

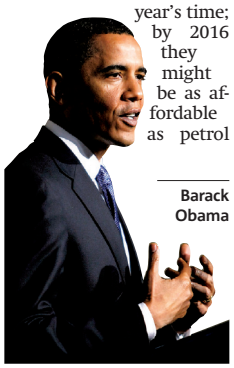
It's a radical proposition — especially given that no car manufacturer's fleet comes anywhere near that average. Carmakers will have to work hard and spend money they don't have, to phase out the gas-guzzlers in their portfolios and introduce energy-sippers.

No wonder American automakers and Bush's oil-barons had been resisting cuts for years. It's going to be especially hard for those whose most successful cars are SUV and high-performance models.

The other issue is that it takes time for the technology to get on the road. It takes the average car produced by a major carmaker at least four years to go from initial design to dealership forecourt, via marketing, engineering, safety testing, and factory floor.

Developing new technology is phenomenally expensive, then creating the plants that can produce cars with the new technology is more expense still. This is why manufacturers often share platforms like the Ford Ka and the Fiat 500, for example.

Most carmakers have been going eco for the last few years, but progress is slow. So what's in the pipeline? The current economic climate as well as our eco expectations will shape the next few years — most people will be looking to buy smaller, cheaper-to-fuel cars. Expect more electric cars in three year's time; by 2016 they might be as affordable as petrol models. They might have smaller, more ecological batteries, and the way they're made and the energy that fuels them might be more sustainable too.


Barack Obama

Don't expect anything too radical to come from the major players. After all, the financial crisis caused Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne to gloomily predict that in two years time only six global carmakers will exist. The innovation might well come from faster-moving companies on the outside.

Back in action

According to the Mexico Tourism Board, Air Canada Vacations was the first Canadian tour operator to announce it would resume its operations to Cancun. As of June 6, the company will have non-stop flights to Cancun from Toronto, Montreal and Calgary. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

Helpful hints

The 2009-2010 edition of Bon Voyage, But..., published by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, is now available. The booklet contains advice to help Canadians plan a safe and successful journey abroad, as well as information on consular services and Canadian government offices worldwide. Visit voyage.gc.ca/publications/bon-voyage-eng.asp.

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Croatia's warm-weather charms

Sunny coastlines, serene islands are among draws

TOM MARCHANT
for Metro World News

Travel pro

- Tom Marchant is the founder of award-winning travel company Black Tomato, blacktomato.co.uk.

A view of Korcula, an island between Dubrovnik and Hvar, is highly recommended by our correspondent.

At this time of year I frequently get asked where I'm going to spend my summer holidays. Not an easy answer, as every day, word of new destinations and existing gems comes across my desk.

That sees me either shifting my plans or trying to squeeze more and more places into one trip, with the result being a manic week of travelling, rather than the relaxing break I had hoped for. However, this year is different. Why? Because the place that I'm heading to is currently streets ahead of anywhere else in Europe to take a break in and nothing that I have seen or read about this year has come close to making me change my opinion. Where I am talking about? Croatia.

It's the home of sun-drenched coastlines with some of the prettiest bays and bluest waters you will ever see, serene islands, beautiful cities and a rich culture that delights you upon your arrival and stays with you for years after you have left.

Whilst many people know about the charms of Dubrovnik (and rightly so) Croatia still contains many hidden gems that the travelling world is only just waking up to. I could write an essay on the wonders of the place here, but space doesn't allow it, so I have had to filter through my long list of highlights and share with you my top three spots. How to learn about the rest? Simple. Just go.

Hvar

Hip partying and gourmet seafood: The island of Hvar is a jewel in the Adriatic Sea, found north (a ferry ride or short helicopter hop) off Dubrovnik's coast. This unspoiled island is becoming one of Eastern Europe's hippest coastal party spots. The word now is to forget Ibiza, because it's all about Hvar. Hip bars, clubs and restaurants combine with rugged ancient landscapes filled with fragrant sage and lavender, rich aloe and pine trees.

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Winging onwards
Sunwing has also announced that it's returning to Mexico. The operator has resumes service to Cancun and the Riviera Maya, with flights from Toronto and Montreal as of today; as of June 27 from Vancouver; and from June 28 from Calgary and Edmonton. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Left, the roofs of the old city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Right, an aerial view of Hvar, which is becoming one of Eastern Europe's hippest coastal party spots.

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Spend days on the water, or wine tasting in the vineyards before heading to the waterfront in the medieval heart of Hvar for sunset drinks looking over the Paklinski Islands and gearing up for a long night out.

Dubrovnik
Cobbled streets and thriving cafés: Yes, you may know it but you need to go back. Soak up the medieval mood radiating from the old squares, magnificent stone columns and wide streets of Dubrovnik.

Stroll the atmospheric pedestrianized paving slabs of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire its forts, red-tile roofed-buildings, churches and monasteries. The Old Town is brimming with cafes, bars and restaurants hugging the Adriatic seafront, perfect for a morning coffee or evening sundowner.

A picture-perfect place and if you were after an alternative take on it I'd recommend taking a guided kayak tour around the grand city walls, or mountain biking in nearby Konavle valley to explore the local countryside.

Korcula
Medieval charm and one super lux retreat: People say Hvar is a secret. Well, maybe, but this one is a true secret. My insider tip: Head for the stunning island of Korcula, right now hottest thing to rise from this country. It's flung roughly equidistant between Dubrovnik and Hvar.

The beautiful stone castle welcoming you as you sail into the harbour is just a taste of the old world charm that the island oozes. Get lost in the winding alleyways, between terracotta-tiled houses and tiny churches.

It's all a short stroll from the beach of this up-and-coming island that few on the tourist trail know about. A true escape amongst the warm waters of the Adriatic.

Go now and be the envy of your friends with your tales of your time in this undiscovered spot.

Good to know
Where to stay: Riva Hotel in Hvar is Croatia's first and only member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World. Expect old world charm, state of the art luxury, exceptional designed and superb sunset views over the Islands.

No better place to lay your head after a hard day of strolling, sunbathing and partying in Dubrovnik than at the Pucic Palace. Hidden within the walls of the medieval town, there is a brand new luxury retreat opening this month: the Lesic Dimitri Palace is a restored 18th century bishop's palace with five adjoining medieval cottages.

Each room is designed with exceptional attention to detail and themed on a different region of Marco Polo's Silk Road travels.

Shopping: The main shopping area in Dubrovnik is The Stradun, but for a great local market go to Gundulic Square which has a wonderful fruit and flower market every morning, except for Sundays.

Getting there: Croatia is accessible from most European countries by coach, and by ferry from Italy or Greece. There are major international airports in Dubrovnink, Pula, Split, Zadar and Zagreb.

Getting around: Renting a car is straightforward, and there are good and inexpensive bus and train services that links the major cities.

When to go: the best weather is between April and September, July and August are high season, with high prices and crowded beaches and towns.

Go Frugal Guides

The Go Frugal blog has started a new online U.S. city guide series, and the first installment is Go Frugal in New York City. The aim is to post a new installment every two weeks. See freeshipping.org/blog/go-frugal-in-new-york-city. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Buzios beach life

How a fishing village became Brazil's answer to St. Tropez

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Metro World News

In the '60s, the actress Brigitte Bardot, the biggest diva of the French film at the time, came to Brazil and was taken on holiday by friends to Armação dos Búzios, a small fishing village close to Rio de Janeiro.

As soon as she set eyes on the almost untouched, extraordinarily beautiful white sand beaches, she fell in love with the place.

Today, a bronze sculpture on Armação Beach pays homage to the French starlet who first drew the world's attention to this Brazilian beach resort. Ever since, Buzios has become one of the hottest tourist destinations in Rio de Janeiro State, attracting visitors from all over the world, many of them celebrities including Mick Jagger, Cat Stevens and Seal.

Buzios has a population of less than 25,000, but that number increases by around three times during weekends and holidays. Despite being a hugely popular destination, Buzios still keeps an atmosphere that evokes its early days as a simple fishing village.

It's known throughout Brazil for the beauty of its azure sea, the cleanliness of its sand and the variety of its beaches.

It's a popular destination for water sports fans, but it's also perfect for those who are just looking to relax and unwind, which is why it's such a favourite with celebrities taking a retreat.

There are plenty of top restaurants, fancy spas and boutique hotels catering to the jet set, but holidaying here is not just for the rich and famous — the city has hotels, inns and hostels for all kinds of budgets.

It also doesn't matter what kind of beach you like: You'll find one that suits you well in Buzios. The city has more than 20 of them, each one with a different profile.

Geribá is probably the most famous and busiest beach in town. Located by open sea, it has clear water and it's a good place for practising water sports. Plenty of small, very cosy inns can be found along the shoreline.

Not very far from there, Ferradurinha Beach is probably one the most beautiful spots in the whole country. Minuscule, it is not as charming as it used to be decades ago, when it was more difficult to access than it is today. Still, its landscape alone merits a visit.

If you can't resist paradise-like beaches, then the ones on your list should include Azeda, Azedinha, João Fernandes, João Fernandinho and Das Focas. But bear in mind that some of them can't be reached by car, only on foot.

Divers must try Tartaruga Beach. And those who like a challenging, agitated sea should look for Praia Brava, which means "angry beach" in Portuguese.

People with little children, on the other hand, should go to Ferradura Beach, with its very calm water. In Portuguese, Ferradura means "horseshoe," and the beach is so named because it looks like one.

Rua das Pedras: Buzios' trendiest spot

The city is very busy during the day, but it also boasts a lively nightlife. The heart of Buzios' night time activities is concentrated around Rua das Pedras (Stone Street), close to Armação Beach.

As the name says, the street is completely paved with stones, giving the place a rustic charm. Along the street you can find a lot of good restaurants, bars, and souvenir stores. There are also trendy clothes shops, and a few nightclubs full of beautiful, tanned people and the odd celebrity.

Some of the restaurants on Rua das Pedras have a great view of the sea — and of Bardot's seaside statue. Very early in the morning, it's possible to see fishermen on "jangadas" (small boats) on their way to the high sea.

Above, a view of Buzios' Ferradurinha Beach

A bronze statue of Brigitte Bardot graces Armação Beach.

Above, a view of Azeda Beach

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Fiddlers on the roof
For the first time in six centuries, Milan's Gothic cathedral will hold its first rooftop classical music concerts. The five concerts will feature a 60-piece orchestra and choir performing about 50 metres above the ground. The roof is one of Milan's top tourist attractions, with views stretching north to the snow-capped Alps. REUTERS

World's greatest ceilings

Michelangelo's painted ceiling in the Sistine Chapel in Rome may be the most lauded in the ceiling world, but it's far from the only one worth straining your neck to see. The editors and members of travel website VirtualTourist.com have compiled a list of the World's Top 10 Greatest Ceilings, apart from the Sistine Chapel:

1 Bellagio Hotel; Las Vegas The coloured disks that float on the ceiling of the Bellagio may look like multi-coloured jellyfish, but they are in fact thousands of hand-blown glass flowers. Like the town itself, it has to be seen to be believed.

2 Debre Berhan Selassie Church; Gonder, Ethiopia You'd never guess by looking at the outside of this small, relatively simple church that such stunning artwork graces the inside. It's said that none of the 104 winged cherubs that dot the ceiling are alike.

3 Grand Central Station; New York City Once covered in black grime, this ceiling was restored in the 1990s as part of the station's renovation and now depicts several signs of the zodiac in beautiful sea-green and gold hues. There's even a little patch that was left dirty just to show the difference between the "before" and "after."

4 Galeries Lafayette Department Store; Paris The glass domed ceiling at the famed department store attracts as many tourists as shoppers. Unveiled in 1912, the dome is overshadowed only by the view from the store's terrace.

5 Khai Dinh Tomb; Hue, Vietnam It took 11 years to complete, but the results are pretty astounding with the ceiling featuring nine hand-painted dragons in fine, fleeting clouds.

6 Sant'Ignazio Church; Rome It's almost impossible to believe when looking at this multi-dimensional painting that the surface is actually flat. Perhaps one of the most incredible examples of "Trick of the Eye" paintings ever completed, it's a clear rival with its more famous nearby neighbour — the Sistine Chapel

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Visitors to Las Vegas check out the fountain display in front of the Bellagio Hotel.

7 Sagrada Familia; Barcelona No one could ever say this building was constructed too hastily. Started in the 1800s and still unfinished, the imposing forest-like ceiling is as original as the rest of the Gaudi-designed church.

8 Central Rotunda, Griffith Park Observatory; Los Angeles Designed by Hollywood art director turned muralist Hugo Ballin, the subtle, circular painting depicts the signs of the zodiac and other celestial objects. An interesting side note: Ballin was a sketch artist on the film The Wizard of Oz, which might explain the ceiling's whimsical look.

9 Macy's Department Store; Chicago This genuine Tiffany ceiling is so incredible it's enough to distract even the most ardent shopaholic. Over 100 years old, it's composed of more than 1.6 million pieces of glass and is considered by many to be one of the best examples of Tiffany craftsmanship ever constructed.

10 Opera Garnier; Paris Although the primary function of the building is to provide a stage for the city's extraordinary ballet company, Marc Chagall's ceiling mural is a show in itself. Thought to be somewhat incongruous with the building's architecture, it was the source of much controversy when it was added in 1964. REUTERS

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Casino cleaning staff work in a garden in front of a billboard displaying slot machines in Macau.

Goodbye Vegas, hello Macau

The world economy may be slumping, but don't tell that to Macau — the former Portuguese colony is set to trump Las Vegas heading out of the worst global downturn since the Great Depression.

In the smoke-filled gambling halls of Macau's MGM Mirage casino, hundreds of Chinese gamblers were crammed around tables flipping cards, playing roulette and rolling dice on a recent day, seemingly unaffected by the slowdown.

The ace up the sleeve of Macau, the world's biggest gambling market — and a day trip from Hong Kong — is this steady influx of risk-loving Chinese flocking to the only place in China where casinos are legal. Las Vegas, on the other hand, is saddled with a stagnant U.S. economy and glut of new casinos preparing to enter the market.

"We've seen better-than-expected performance in the overall gaming market of Macau," said Credit Suisse analyst Gabriel Chan. "Vegas is still suffering and will take a longer time to recover, but in Macau, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Macau, a special administrative region that is now under Chinese rule, will be more resilient than Las Vegas thanks to its proximity to China, which is propping up its economy with a massive $586 billion US stimulus package to offset a big drop in exports, analysts said.

Despite recent declines, Macau's gaming revenue is likely to return to a growth track by September and post a 6.2 per cent rise in 2010, BNP Paribas forecasts. Las Vegas revenues are likely to remain depressed next year as operators have to contend with a stream of new casino openings. "There will be a fairly dramatic increase in supply over the next couple of years ... at a time when Las Vegas is struggling to fill the rooms that it has right now," said Susquehanna Financial analyst Robert LaFleu.

Luxury projects such as MGM Mirage's massive CityCenter will start opening later this year, increasing by more than 10 per cent the number of hotel rooms along the Vegas gambling corridor. REUTERS

Podcast tour of New York features TV, movie sites

NEW YORK Visitors to the Big Apple will be able to scope out some of the city's famous sites that have been featured in films and television shows with free podcasts unveiled by the city on Monday.

Listeners to the walking tours will be guided to the firehouse featured in the 1984 film Ghost Busters and the bar where the Cosmopolitan cocktail was created.

podcasts available at nyc.gov/film

The walking tours called, Made in NY: Walking Tours of Film and TV Locations, will also feature street locations from films such as Woody Allen's 1977 hit, Annie Hall, and movies such as Kramer vs. Kramer, Sophie's Choice, and Green Card.

"It's so cool to be guided to the locations that were filmed on our city streets and in front of such iconic buildings," actor Matthew Modine said in a statement.

Modine, who starred in the film Married to the Mob and actress Julianna Margulies, of the TV series ER, will narrate the podcasts that will begin with two tours in Manhattan, each one hour long.

The first tour will run from the Tribeca district to City Hall, taking in The Brooklyn Bridge and Foley Square, which is regularly seen in TV series Law & Order. The second tour travels through the financial district, past the Statue of Liberty and shows locations from films including Wall Street, Working Girl, and Men in Black.

Other sites featured are from the TV series Spin City and 30 Rock. REUTERS

Taiwan trails Australia with 'Best Trip in the World'

PROMOTION For those who missed out on the "best job in the world," Taiwan is offering the "best trip in the world," a marketing drive to promote tourism that builds on the global success of the Australian campaign. Taiwan will choose 50 travel groups to write about their four-day trips to the island, then give about $30,700 US to the writers of the best online travelogue. "Experienced travellers worldwide are invited to submit money-saving yet creative itineraries for a trip in Taiwan, (and) share their personal stories from the tour in audio/visual blog posts," said the contest site, taiwan besttrip.net. REUTERS

Metro Workology exclusive: Head to Toe

In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be setting its sights on the health industry and all jobs and careers therein. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work for the special Head to Toe series.

Workology

Centre for Excellence

Okanagan College has launched a website with which visitors can track the development of the $28-million Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Building Technologies and Renewable Energy Conservation, to be built at the college's Penticton campus. The school plans to install a webcam on the building site to allow users to watch the construction online. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Getting you back on your feet

Head to **Toe**

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Chiropody is for doctors who love a quick hit of success. "I've seen an elderly lady walking in with two canes ending up walking without a cane. Those are the kinds of things that will stay with you forever," says Andrew Springer, a chiropodist in Oshawa, Ont.

"Career-wise, it's a wonderful opportunity for people who like immediate gratification because you get to impact on their quality of life," he explains. "I've often said to family doctors that we're luckier than they are, because so often people go in (to family doctors) when they're sick and they don't see them again until they're sick again. We get to make them feel better."

Springer started out in zoology, but both of his parents independently suggested chiropody to him. "I decided to check it out. I had to chose between bugs and people, and people it was," the past president of the Ontario Society of Chiropodists explains.

Springer has been working since 1983 in many hospitals and health-care clinics. Like most chiropodists, wound up in private practice. He says chiropodists work hand in hand — or foot in foot? — with other doctors.

"We have to understand about all the body systems and how they're integrated. We have to be in a position to recognize other conditions so we can refer appropriately," he says. "If you stick with a rational treatment plan for somebody, 90 per cent of time you see an improvement in their comfort. It really can be a quality of life issue."

Chiropody, the treatment of feet and their ailments, is for doctors who love a quick hit of success.

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Problems of the feet sometimes point to bigger issues. When Springer worked in a general hospital, he had to rush a patient to emergency. "The evidence I saw in front of me was that he'd recently had a stroke and he didn't even know."

The victim had sat down in his La-Z-Boy and couldn't get up. He had problems walking and went to Stringer in the hopes a shoe insert would sort things out. "They think it's nothing related to anything bigger, 'My feet just aren't working properly.'"

To become a chiropodist, you need an undergraduate degree before studying at a health institute that teaches chiropody.

"It prepares people to deal with all the diseases, disorders and dysfunctions of the foot," says Springer.

For more of the Head to Toe exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: **metronews.ca/work**

Cooking with Conviction – and ex-cons

BOLD BUSINESS IDEA Veteran chef and restauranteur Marc Thuet and his wife and business partner Biana Zorich are taking a bite out of crime the only way they knows how — by putting former convicts to work creating food worth biting into. In a former life, the staff of Thuet's most arresting restaurant, Conviction, located in Toronto, have been on the wrong side of the law. Now, they create and serve gourmet-quality food and relish a second chance to make something meaningful of their lives. Production company Cineflix is filming a documentary on Conviction to be aired in fall, keep an eye out for it. See conviction restaurant.com for more

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Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew will be back for a third season on VH1 with a new group including Heidi Fleiss, Tom Sizemore and Dennis Rodman. The show will follow their treatment over eight episodes airing in early 2010, according to Variety. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Teen queens

Disney Channel's teen queens will continue to reign. The network has ordered new seasons of Hannah Montana — starring Miley Cyrus — and Sonny with a Chance, starring Demi Lovato. TVGUIDE.COM

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Beyond his wildest dreams

Will Ferrell is back with Land of the Lost

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Will Ferrell just wants to be taken seriously. The comic actor, who got his start on Saturday Night Live and has gone on to become one of the biggest comedy stars in Hollywood, loves making films like this week's Land of the Lost, don't get him wrong. But what he's really looking for is another Stranger Than Fiction, his critically acclaimed 2006 foray into more dramatic work.

"They're more difficult to find for me," Ferrell says of projects like Stranger Than Fiction. "I'm still not thought of in that way. I'm still thought of more as just comedy." And with good reason. Ferrell's penchant for playing blowhards and self-important buffoons has led to some major box-office successes.

Land of the Lost opens in theatres on Friday

And he hopes to add to that list with Land of the Lost, based on the popular Saturday morning kids' show by Sid and Marty Kroft. The film gives him a chance to work with one of his new favourite cohorts, Danny McBride. And both Ferrell and McBride are known for their improvisational skills.

"I shouldn't say this, but there's really no trick to it," Ferrell says of improv. "You just film, and if it works great, and if it doesn't you don't use it." Still, though he has such a strong improv background, Ferrell doesn't automatically turn to it. "I'm the first person in support of doing the scene as written. Even though we love doing this, I'm always in fear that we're skipping past the written scene too quickly to get to the improv."

For all his hit comedies, including Anchorman and Talladega Nights, the actor has so far eschewed sequels or creating franchises, something producers and studios certainly aren't thrilled about. But Ferrell says it's less about not wanting to appear to be cashing in and more about not repeating himself.

Will Ferrell hopes to extend his comic success with Land of the Lost.

"There are tons of original stories and brand-new characters to try as opposed to just automatically doing a sequel," Ferrell says.

Still, it's not out of the question. "We've just started playing around with the idea of Anchorman as a sequel," Ferrell admits. "That's really found a foothold in the comedy cult world. It would be a lark to do that."

One character that he did recently revisit was George W. Bush, an impersonation he made famous back on SNL. Ferrell recently received an Emmy nomination for his limited-run Broadway show lampooning the former president, You're Welcome America: A Final Night with George W. Bush.

"There's this image that I've been doing a Bush impersonation every weekend somewhere around the country for five years now," Ferrell says, though he stopped playing bush when he left SNL in 2002. "It was a fun thing to revisit and also put to bed at the same time."

Salinger sues over Catcher sequel

BOOKS J.D. Salinger yesterday sued the writer and publisher of a book billed as a sequel to his classic novel The Catcher in the Rye, saying the work infringes on his copyright.

Salinger is asking a judge to block publication of 60 Years Later: Coming Through the Rye written by an author identified as J.D. California.The book will be published in September by Swedish publisher Nicotext.

"The sequel is not a parody and it does not comment upon or criticize the original. It is a rip-off pure and simple," said the lawsuit. Salinger holds a copyright to the 1951 novel, considered one of the great works of American literature. REUTERS

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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critics' corner

The New Adventures of Old Christine

Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) is absolutely thrilled when a talent scout recruits Ritchie (Trevor Gagnon) to audition for a commercial after seeing his standout performance in a school play, but for some reason Richard (Clark Gregg) refuses to allow it in "Self-Esteem Tempura." Hamish Linklater, Emily Rutherfurd, Tricia O'Kelley and Alex Kapp Horner also star. 9 PM on KREM ACCESS

South Park

In "Trapper Keeper," the fate of the world lies with Cartman's ultracool binder. But this is no ordinary school tool. It's a superbeing bent on world domination. And as usual, it's up to Stan, Kyle, Kenny and Cartman — if he can bear to give up his beloved notebook — to help save the day. Back at school, a class election has echoes of the 2000 U.S. presidential vote; here, the outcome rests with a little girl named Flora — get it? 10:30 PM on COM

Tiger Katie, not Cougar Katie

Katie Couric poked fun at her "cougar" label while giving the Class Day address at Princeton University on Monday. "I've been called a cougar lately," she said, but "I'm very happy to be an honourary Tiger instead," referring to the school's mascot. USMAGAZINE.COM

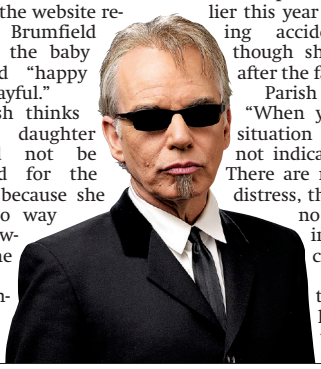
Celebrity Buzz

Toddler's death like Natasha's?

TRAGEDY Billy Bob Thornton's ex-wife has compared the death of the toddler her daughter was babysitting to the passing of Natasha Richardson, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Melissa Parish — who was married to Thornton for two years before they split in 1980 — has defended their daughter Amanda Brumfield, who has been charged with alleged child neglect after the one-year-old girl she was caring for died after falling from her playpen.

Brumfield allegedly witnessed the accident, which took place in her home in Ocoee, Fla., last October, but failed to call an ambulance, the website reports. Brumfield insists the baby seemed "happy and playful."



Parish thinks her daughter should not be blamed for the death because she had no way of knowing the baby was injured. She likened the accident to the death of Natasha Richardson, who passed away earlier this year after a skiing accident, even though she felt fine after the fall.

Parish explained: "When you have a situation that does not indicate distress. There are no signs of distress, then there is no reason to immediately call police."

More than two hours after the fall, Brumfield allegedly awoke from a nap to find the toddler "limp." Doctors later discovered she had died as a result of a fractured skull and a subdural hematoma.

Detectives investigating the case claim Brumfield's story is inconsistent with the girl's injuries and charged her with child neglect causing harm or disability on Friday.

She was later released on bail.

Thornton's publicist said the actor hasn't spoken to Brumfield for "a substantial number of years."

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For sale: LiLo's borrowed car

CELEBRITY SOUVENIR Lindsay Lohan's borrowed sports car is up for auction, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Maserati Quattroporte car — worth $115,000 US — was put on website eBay by its owner Dennis DeSantis, with a starting price of $25,000.

He had lent the white car to the actress in March, but days later her assistant had an accident while driving, causing around $10,000 of damage to its front.

Pornography producer DeSantis reportedly wasn't worried by the damage to the car, however, and had sent it back to her as soon as it was repaired.

The auction listing for the Maserati says it has been driven by Lohan, but doesn't mention any accidents. Fans have until June 11 to make a bid for the vehicle.

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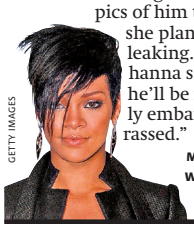
Rihanna's nude photo revenge

GETTING EVEN Understandably, Rihanna isn't pleased about photos, allegedly showing her naked, that leaked online. According to a source, she knows Chris Brown was behind it — and now, she's ready for revenge.

"She says she's going to release her own photos of Chris," the source tells Star magazine. "She has less-than-flattering nude pics of him that she plans on leaking. Rihanna says he'll be really embarrassed."



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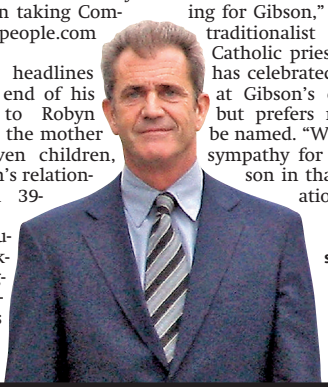
METRO WORLD NEWS

Thou shalt not gossip

COMMANDMENT Mel Gibson has asked his fellow parishioners at the Holy Family Chapel in Agoura Hills, Calif., not to gossip about him, and recently hasn't been taking Communion, people.com reports.

Recent headlines about the end of his marriage to Robyn Moore, 53, the mother of his seven children, and Gibson's relationship with 39-year-old Russian musician Oksana Grigorieva — who is pregnant with his child — have inevitably raised questions about how the devout star's faith will mesh with his private life.



"It would be heartbreaking for Gibson," says a traditionalist Catholic priest who has celebrated Mass at Gibson's chapel but prefers not to be named. "We have sympathy for a person in that situation."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Nothing sexy about sex scenes: Daniel

THE HONEST TRUTH Daniel Radcliffe was disappointed after he filmed his first on-screen love scene — because the "sexy" moment he dreamed of never materialized, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star stripped off for 2007 movie December Boys with co-star Teresa Palmer — but he wasn't impressed by the experience.

He says, "Whenever you watch those scenes in films you always think, 'That must be so sexy to do and wouldn't that be amazing.'

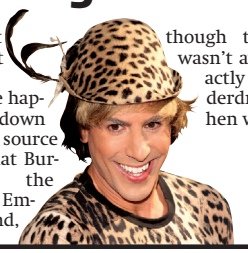
"You wonder how those actors manage to control themselves. But when you're doing it and you've got people watching you, there is nothing sexy about it at all." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Paris was Bruno's original victim?

20/20 HINDSIGHT It turns out Eminem wasn't the first choice to play victim to Sasha Baron Cohen's Bruno character at the MTV Movie Awards.

A production insider tells Life & Style Weekly that producer Mark Burnett first approached Paris Hilton about the stunt, but she declined.

"Paris is quite happy she turned down the offer," the source says, adding that Burnett cleared the prank with Eminem beforehand, though the rapper wasn't aware of exactly how underdressed Cohen would be.



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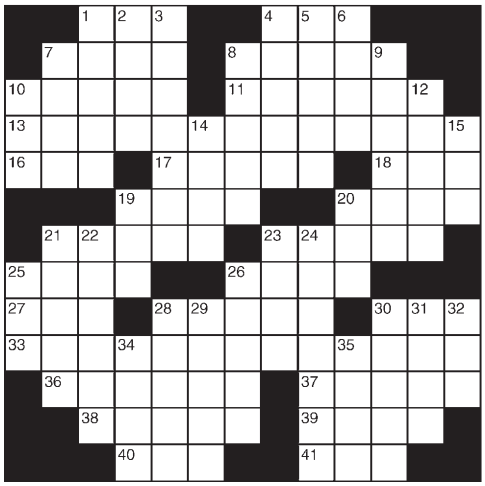

Crossword across

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4 Dietitian's stat
7 Recognize
8 Express schadenfreude
10 Paris' subway
11 Boardinghouse occupant
13 Prankster's time
16 Carnival city
17 Camel's cousin
18 Lemieux milieu
19 Witnessed
20 Poolroom supply
21 Steak variety
23 Gene Krupa's set
25 Two-way
26 Battle in the ring
27 Tarzan's creator's monogram
28 "Hammerin' Hank"
30 Schlep
33 State of delusory happiness
36 Suitor's actions
37 "Haystacks" artist
38 Art-class models, often
39 Newspaper page
40 Afternoon affair
41 Barbie's companion

Crossword down

1 Preamble
2 Actress Spelling
3 Distended
4 Flourish
5 Simoleons
6 Pet food brand
7 French military cap
8 React to a pun
9 Monotony
10 Scratch
12 Marathons, e.g.
14 Run off
15 "Of course"
19 Fa follower
20 Director's cry
21 "Presumed Innocent" author
22 Mandrill, e.g.
23 Room access
24 Go wild
25 Dict. info
26 Boasts
28 Comment to the audience
29 Sleep-clinic study
30 Sheets and such
31 Secondhand
32 Obtain
34 Lummox
35 Blockhead

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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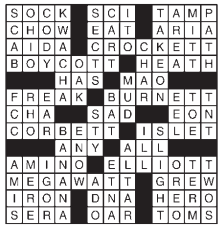

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13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Indian-style Broiled Chicken

INGREDIENTS:
4 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
Canola oil for brushing
Lemon or lime wedges, to serve
Fresh cilantro sprigs

YOGURT MARINADE
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) tomato paste
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) garam masala or curry powder
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) ground coriander
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) ground cumin
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground turmeric
Pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
7 tbsp (100 ml) plain low-fat yogurt

RAITA
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) plain low-fat yogurt
1 cucumber, about 10 oz (300 g), quartered and seeded
1 small tomato, seeded and finely chopped
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground coriander
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
Pinch cayenne pepper
Pinch salt

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high. For marinade, put garlic, ginger, tomato paste, garam masala, cilantro, cumin, turmeric, cayenne and yogurt into bowl and whisk. Transfer to bowl large enough to hold all chicken pieces.
2. Score two slits on each side of chicken breasts. Place in marinade, turning to coat and rubbing marinade into slits (If you have time, leave chicken to marinate in refrigerator overnight).
3. Brush broiler rack with oil, then place chicken pieces on top. Broil, turning and basting with remaining marinade, until chicken is tender, juices run clear when chicken is pierced with knife, and marinade looks lightly charred, 12 to 15 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, make raita. Place yogurt in bowl. Coarsely grate cucumber, then squeeze to remove as much moisture as possible. Stir cucumber, tomato, ground coriander, cumin, cayenne, and salt into yogurt. Spoon raita into serving bowl.
5. Transfer chicken pieces to serving plate. Add lemon or lime wedges and garnish with cilantro sprigs. Serve with raita on side.

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GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
After your recent exertions you might be tempted to slow down a bit and take a break but the planets suggest you are about to get your second wind.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you put yourself out for friends, family and even total strangers over the next 24 hours they will repay you many times over.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The planets warn you have begun to take a friendship for granted and there could be a shock in store around the time of Sunday's full moon.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Your physical and emotional batteries desperately need to be recharged but you can't see yourself finding the time to take things easy for a day.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will get the chance to make your dreams — well, some of them anyway — come true when the Sun transits the midheaven angle of your chart.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
This may be a difficult time of year for you but it's not as bad as you think, especially in some of your more negative moments.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Some people can be obstructive merely for the fun of it and one such person will get you steamed up today.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
It may annoy you that there are so many obstacles preventing you from your goal, but one day soon you will recognize that it was in your own best interests.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The Sun in Gemini gives you a more uplifting outlook on life and soon those hardships you have been battling will seem quite minor.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
There may be some depressing events taking place in the world around you but there is no reason why you personally should feel down about it.

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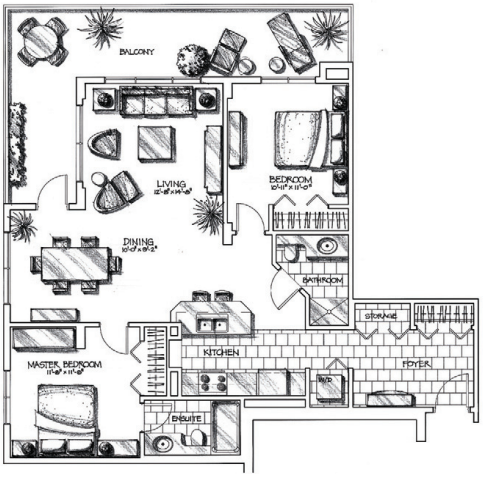

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